are competent to enact a law, subject to other provisions in the Constitution.

Action Plan for small and medium scale industries

3003. SHRI N.R. GOVINDARAJAR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any action plan for the small, medium scale industries in the country.

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by when a final decision is likely to be taken in this regard along with its likely benefits?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) to (c) As on date there is no defnition for medium enterprise/ unit. However, the Government introduced a Bill, *viz.*,"Small and Medium Enterprises Development Bill, 2005" in the Lok Sabha on 12th May, 2005. The said Bill *interalia* provides a definition for medium manufacturing enterprise and medium service enterprise and also addresses the issues concerning promoting and development of small and medium industries. In addition, a package for promotion of small enterprises sector is under consideration of the Government which, *interalia*, has provision for credit support, fiscal incentives, technological and marketing assistance, entrepreneurship development, infrastructural development, etc.

Setting up cashew nuts progeny orchard in Karnataka

3004. DR. VIJAY MALLYA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether in view of keeping the high export potential of cashew nuts, the State Government of Karnataka has submitted any proposal to the Central Government for setting up a cashew progeny orchard in Karnataka at a total cost of Rs. 43 lakhs; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and when is the proposal likely to be considered for approval?